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SUBJECT: CSCE: CBMS: NEUTRAL VIEWS ON PARAMETERS

1. FINNISH CSCE DELEGATION CHEIF ILONIEMI TOLD US ON MAY 28 THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY SOVIETS WHAT HIS TERMS FOR CSCE PARAMETERS WERE, AND THAT HE HAD REPLIED 300 KMS., 25,000 TROOPS, AND 21 DAYS. WE ASKED IF THIS WAS A FALLBACK POSITION OR A FINAL POSITION; ILONIEMI REPLIED THAT WAS A FINAL POSITION. HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO ANY FURTHER THAN THSI IN MAKING CONCESSIONS TO SOVIETS.

2. SWISS CBM REP GAVE US THE SAME FIGURES ON MAY 28, AND AMPLIFIED THAT NEUGRALS AS A GROUP GENERALLY THINKING ALONG SAME LINES. IF SOVIETS WILL NOT INCREASE AREA TO 300 KMS., THEY WILL INSIST ON A LOWER THRESHOLD.

3. COMMENT: ALLIED POSITION IS NOT YET AS CLEARLY DEFINED. SEVERAL BELIEVE THEY SHOULD HAVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS BEFORE GOING BELOW AGREED NATO GUIDELINES. HOWEVER, THERE IS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT APPROPRIATE GUIDELINE ON TACTICS FOR AREA
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QUESTION WILL NOT BE TO TAKE AN EQUAL AND OPPOSITE

STEP FOR EACH INCREASE IN BAND OF TERRITORY IN
USSR (I.E., IF SOVIETS FORMALLY STATE THEY CAN
ACCEPT 150 KMS., ALLIES WILL DROP FROM 500 TO 450,
ETC.). EQUAL AND OPPOSITE REACTIONS WOULD NOT,
HOWEVER, BE AXIOMATIC FOR TIMING AND THRESHOLD. DALE

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